infrastructure investment, continued reform in the financial sector and the capital markets, and deepening of structural reforms; human development through better educational opportunities and programmes of social security; improvement in the quality of government expenditure; acceleration of disinvestment process etc. Policy initiatives announced in the Budget are expected to have a favourable impact on growth during the current year. The Planning Commission is in the process of formulating the Tenth Five Year Plan to address some of these issues in the medium term perspective.

Statement

Rate of Growth of Value Added by Economic Activity

(in 1993-94 prices) (percent)

Sectors	1999-2000	2000-01
1. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	0.7	0.2
2. Mining & Quarrying	1.7	3.7
3. Manufacturing	6.8	5.6
4. Electricity, Gas & Water Supply	5.2	4.7
5. Construction	8.1	5.5
6. Trade, Hotels, Transport and Communication	8.0	6.9
7. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services	10.1	9.1
8. Community, Social & Personal Services	11.8	7.8
GDP at Factor Cost	6.4	5.2

Sources: Press Note on Revised Estimates of Annual National Income and Quarterly Estimates of Gross Domestic Product 2000-01 by Central Statistical Organisation.

National Information Technology Institute in Bihar

† *271. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Bihar has requested for setting

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up a National Information Technology Institute for development of information technology in the State *vide* letter dated 2nd December, 2000;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A letter has been received by the Ministry of Human Resource Development from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar to open a National Information Technology Institute in the State of Bihar,

(b) and (c) A Task Force on Human Resource Development (HRD) in Information Technology was set up in July, 2000, which has submitted its interim report in January 2001. The proposal from Bihar will be examined after taking a final decision regarding the plan for central assistance for such institutions in pursuance of the Task Force report. The Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development *vide* his letters dated 26.12.2000 and 20.2.2001 has replied to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar in this regard.

Sugar export to Pakistan

† *272. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to export sugar to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far taken any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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